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SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DJIBOUTI INCIDENT --

SOMALI REPRESENTATIVE HUSSEN TOLD AMB BENNETT, WHO WAS ACTING AS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, THAT HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST A FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING. SOMALIS AND FRENCH SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO 11:00 A.M., FEBRUARY 18 MEETING, WITH FRENCH AND SOMALI LETTERS ON THE AGENDA, AND FRANCE AS THE FIRST SPEAKER. (USUN 593)

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SPANISH SAHARA --

ACCORDING TO SPANISH MISSION OFFICER VILLAR, WHO SERVED AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR RYDBECK MISSION TO SPANISH SAHARA, RYDBECK IS EXTREMELY DEPRESSED OVER THE SITUATION. ONLY QUARTER TO FIFTH OF THE ORIGINAL POPULATION IS LEFT IN EL AIUN AND VILLA CISNEROS; MOST OF ORIGINAL POPULATION LEFT SMARA; NO CIVILIAN YOUTH TO BE SEEN, ONLY MOROCCAN MILITARY. ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH, VILLAR SAID TWO IDEAS ARE IN PLAY, NEITHER PARTICULARLY APPEALING NOR FEASIBLE: 1) TO HAVE JEMAA MEET AGAIN TO EXPRESS ITS "WILL" (MOROCCANS ARGUE THIS ALREADY DONE ONCE); AND 2) POSSIBILITY SPAIN HAND OVER ITS PART OF JURISDICTION OVER SAHARA TO THE UN FEBRUARY 28 (VILLAR, BRITISH SAID, THOUGHT IT VERY UNLIKELY UN WOULD ACCPET THAT). (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 596)

TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC --

PRELIMINARY LIST OF 31ST GA AGENDA ITEMS WAS PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 17 AND INCLUDES THE TC ITEM, USUN LEARNED FROM THE SECRETARIAT. EARLIER, MURRAY (UK) TOOK UP WITH UNDER SECRETARY BUFFUM THE QUESTION OF DELETING THE ITEM, AND BUFFUM TOLD HIM THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL'S (TC) ENDORSEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DELETE THE ITEM. UNDER SECRETARY TANG TOLD MURRAY HE MUST CONFIDENTIAL

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PROTECT THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO TAKE THE ITEM OFF THE PRELIMINARY LIST. HE SUGGESTED MURRAY DISCUSS IT WITH THE TC MEMBERS. SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT THE ITEM CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA (MID-JULY) UPON THE TC DECISION IT WILL NOT REPORT TO THE GA. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 594)

REVIEW OF HIGH-LEVEL SECRETARIAT APPOINTMENTS --

USUN UNDERSTANDS THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING GENUINE POWER TO THE SPECIAL REVIEW GROUP (SRG) IS BEING CONSIDERED WITHIN THE UN SECRETARIAT. SRG, WHICH CONSISTS OF UNDER SECRETARIES, ACTS AS RUBBER STAMP OF DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL (SYG). ONE SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THE SYG IS SOMETIMES INCLINED TO PROMISE APPOINTMENTS FOR "POLITICAL REASONS" WHICH HE CANNOT LATER LIVE UP TO, AND A REVAMPED SRG COULD PROTECT THE SYG AGAINST HIMSELF. HOWEVER, SOME OFFICIALS WHO ARE AWARE OF THE PROPOSAL EXPRESSED DOUBTS WALDHEIM WOULD ACCEPT IT BECAUSE IT WOULD TEND TO DIMINISH HIS FLEXIBILITY. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 588)

ALLEGED KGB OFFICERS AT SOVIET UN MISSION --

USUN RECEIVED A CIRCULAR, WITH LETTERHEAD FREE POLAND, NEW YORK CITY, WHICH IDENTIFIES FOUR QUITE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UN AND ONE OF THE UKRAINIAN MISSION AS KGB OFFICERS AND ASKS THAT THEY BE EXPELLED FROM THE UN. THE CIRCULAR IS APPARENTLY BEING DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK, AND POSSIBLY TO FOREIGN MISSIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 591)

SOVIET LETTER ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE --

THE SECRETARIAT GAVE USUN COPY OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S REPLY TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S LETTER CONCERNING THE NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. GROMYKO, IN SUPPORTING RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, NOTED SUCH CONFERENCE SHOULD NO DOUBT BE WELL PREPARED AND ALL PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE PLO, AS WELL AS THE USSR AND USA AS CO-CHAIRMEN, SHOULD PARTICIPATE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 592)

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UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING --

AS GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED FEBRUARY 13, FRG PROPOSED THAT THE COMMITTEE FOCUS ON INTERGOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY, THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT AND COORDINATION; ITALY LISTED SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS ON WHICH THE COMMITTEE SHOULD FOCUS; AND FRANCE SUGGESTED ECOSOC SERVE AS A "DISPATCHING CENTER." WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL MAHLER, WHO ALSO SPOKE, CALLED FOR AN INTERSECTORAL APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SACRIFICES OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO OVERCOME "SOCIAL POVERTY," AND NEW FORMS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND DECENTRALIZED OPERATIONAL

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

ADDITIONAL VIEWS EXPRESSED INCLUDED: FRG (YORK) SUGGESTED INTER ALIA A WIDE MANDATE FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP WITH FURTHER GUIDELINES TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE OF ITS OPERATIONS. HE RESERVED FRG POSITION ON THE EXPERTS RECOMMENDATIONS, AND IN GENERAL FAVORED A GRADUALIST APPROACH TO THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE. FRANCE (ROUGET) THOUGHT MOST UN BODIES SHOULD BE LEFT ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED, BELIEVED ECOSOC SHOULD NOT DEBATE IN SUBSTANCE PROBLEMS BEING DEALT WITH IN OTHER FORA, AND SAID THAT MEMBER STATES HAD TO ACCEPT MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR UN STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS (I.E., PUSHING PET PROJECTS). (USUN 587)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER --

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER AND STRENGTHENING UN'S ROLE OPENED ITS SESSION FEBRUARY 17 BY UNANIMOUSLY ELECTING OFFICERS WHO HAD SERVED LAST YEAR IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE UN CHARTER: CHAIRMAN -- BROMS (FINLAND); VICE CHAIRMEN -- ALEMAN (ECUADOR), BLYDEN (SIERRA LEONE) AND NEUGEBAUER (GDR); AND RAPPORTEUR -- BAJA (PHILIPPINES). THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA DRAWN UP BY THE SECRETARIAT WAS APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE.

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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT --

THE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 17 ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE A DRAFT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO ECOSOC THAT A "UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT" BE CONVENED IN 1979. THE AUSTRIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS "EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE TO CONVENE IN VIENNA". AND THE MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE STATED HER COUNTRY "WOULD BE HAPPY TO SERVE AS THE HOST OF THE CONFERENCE." THE RESOLUTION WOULD ALSO REQUEST THE COMMITTEE TO ACT AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE, WITH ITS MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED STATES AND ORGANIZED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF ITS PREPARATORY ROLE BETWEEN SESSIONS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, A SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD BE APPOINTED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME TO HEAD A CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT COMPOSED OF A STRENGTHENED UN OFFICE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND COMPETENT PERSONNEL FROM UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNESCO AND OTHER UN BODIES.

UN EXPERTS COMMITTEE ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES --

UN INFORMED DR. BECKER (RAND CORPORATION) THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL APPOINTED HIM AS CONSULTANT EXPERT FOR THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT ON THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO AGREED REDUCTIONS OF

MILITARY BUDGETS. (USUN 577)

SOUTH AFRICAN LETTER ON ANGOLAN REFUGEES --

SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER, IN LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL (S/11980), NOTED THE LATTER'S VIEW THAT THE UN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO SOUTH AFRICA'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLAN REFUGEES SINCE THE CAMPS ARE SET UP IN ANGOLA, IMPLYING "THAT THE SOLE OBSTACLE TO UN ASSISTANCE IS THE FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS ASSUMED THIS HUMANITARIAN TASK." IT MUST BE ASSUMED, HE CONTINUED, THAT IF SOUTH AFRICA CEASED THIS TASK THE UN WOULD UNDERTAKE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD THESE REFUGEES. IN CONSEQUENCE, SOUTH AFRICA WILL SERIOUSLY HAVE TO CONSIDER TERMINATING ITS ROLE, AND IF IT SHOULD DO SO, "PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY WHETHER THE UN WILL RENDER ALL THE SERVICES AT PRESENT RENDERED BY SOUTH AFRICA,"

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MULLER WROTE. (USUN 590)

ACCORDING TO UN SPOKESMAN AT PRESS BRIEFING, THE SECRETARY GENERAL SENT ANOTHER LETTER TO SOUTH AFRICA STATING THE UN CANNOT ASSIST REFUGEE CAMPS ON ANGOLAN SOIL BEING SUPPORTED BY SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE IT CAN UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTION ONLY WHEN REQUESTED BY COUNTRY INVOLVED AND THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCH REQUEST FROM ANGOLA. (USUN 595)

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